

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1407

### categories of the qfhigh\_dv variable

09/11/2020 12:21 PM - Jan Janmaat

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	09/11/2020
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>			
<b>Category:</b>	Derived variables		
<b>Description</b> Dear Madam/Sir,  I'm really struggling to make sense of the categories of qfhigh_dv variable. Under which category can I find the vocational levels 2 and 3 qualifications, such as NVQs and Btechs levels 2 and 3? Or have they simply been included in the "None of the above" category?  It is really regrettable that the CASMIN categorisation of highest qualification was discontinued in Understanding Society. This BHPS derived variable offered a much clearer categorisation of highest qualification achieved.  Kind regards, Jan Germen Janmaat			

### History

#### #1 - 09/14/2020 09:07 AM - Rebecca Parsons

- Category set to Derived variables
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to Jan Janmaat
- % Done changed from 0 to 50
- Private changed from Yes to No

Hi Jan,

qfhigh\_dv does not make use of BTech and NVQs. These qualifications are captured in the variables qfvoc#, qualnew#, trqual# which are then used to create hiqua\_dv. Btech etc as well as NVQ/SVQ - Level 3 - 5 get coded to hiqua\_dv equal 3 "A-level etc." if that is the highest level achieved. NVQ/SVQ - Level 1 - 2 get coded to hiqua\_dv equal 4 "GCSE etc" if that is the highest level achieved. We recommend using hiqua\_dv for analyses using the long run of BHPS and UKHLS data as this variables is considered harmonised (but see variables notes).

Does this help?  
Best wishes,  
Becky

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#### #2 - 09/22/2020 12:21 PM - Alita Nandi

- % Done changed from 50 to 80

#### #3 - 10/13/2021 11:14 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved
- Assignee deleted (Jan Janmaat)
- % Done changed from 80 to 100